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June 14, 2016

### **MEMORANDUM**

# **SENSITIVE**

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer Staff Director

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FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock PO/MI

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona De/Nus Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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BY:

Kristin D. Roser/Ben Holly B.H.

Reports Analysis Division Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Reason To Believe Recommendation -2016

April Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program

Attached is a list of political committees and their treasurers who failed to file the 2016 April Quarterly Report in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). The April Quarterly Report was due on April 15, 2016.

The committees listed in the attached RTB Circulation Report either failed to file the report, filed the report no more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a late filed report), or filed the report more than thirty (30) days after the due date (considered a non-filed report). In accordance with the schedule of civil money penalties for reports at 11 C.F.R. 111.43, these committees should be assessed the civil money penalties highlighted on the attached circulation report.

### Recommendation

1. Find reason to believe that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the RTB Circulation Report violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and make a

preliminary determination that the civil money penalties would be the amounts indicated on the RTB Circulation Report.

2. Send the appropriate letters.

Reason to Believe Circulation Report 2016 APRIL QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 04/15/2016 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH Federal Election Commission

AF#	Committee ID	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	2	Receipt Date	Days Late	ГОА	RTB Penalty
3056	3056 C00172833	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (AACI PAC)		MICHAEL R. MCLEOD	\$284,987	0	4/21/2016	9	\$44,519	\$320
3057	C00572537	AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED		CARY L. PETERSON	\$233,949	0		Not Filed	\$233,949 (est)	\$7,150;
3058	C00579664	CITIZENS FOR XAVIER SALINAS	XAVIER SALINAS	RAY PEREZ	\$127,950	0		Not Filed	\$63,975 (est)	\$2,970
3059	C00554253	CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS	DANIEL A. CLAITOR	CHELSEA BONNECAZE	\$120,518	3		Not Filed	\$120,518 (est)	\$8,662
3060	C00580563	COLLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY		JONATHAN COCKS	\$185,880	0	4/26/2016	11	\$178,680	\$2,630
3061	C00480228	CONTINUING AMERICA'S STRENGTH AND SECURITY PAC		RALPH J. STEPHENS	\$671,292	0	5/5/2016	20	\$161,275	\$3,980
3062	C00555862	FOUNDATION FOR A GREATER AMERICA INC		JAMES P. HODGINS	\$725,746	1		Not Filed	\$725,746 (est)	\$14,437
3063	C00524363	GREAT LAKES SUPER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE		DWIGHT	\$157,500	0		Not Filed	\$78,750 (est)	\$3.850
3064	C00589846	GREG GARRETT FOR CONGRESS	GREGORY KEITH GARRETT	GARY LINKER	\$168,631	0	4/25/2016	10	\$30,808	\$400
3065	C00578518	INGRID TURNER FOR CONGRESS	INGRID TURNER	LATRISE MARIE WORKMAN	\$606,057	0	6/7/2016	Not Filed	\$121,353	\$4,950
3066	3066 C00402982	IRL PAC		ED TORGAS	\$113,230	٥	5/4/2016	19	\$66,334	\$2,087

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\$13,200	\$340	\$4,950	\$2,200	\$2,640
\$3,327,653 (est)	\$26,565	\$100,456	\$90,979	\$92,899
Not Filed	7	Not Filed	16	20
	4/22/2016	5/17/2016	5/1/2016	5/5/2016
0	0	0	0	0
\$3,327,653	\$199,671	\$148,972	\$327,413	\$416,707
LESLIE	J. KENNETH NOWELL	JIM PALMER	ROBIN L. HAYNES	GAYLE ATTEBERRY
	MARK GREENBERG			
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN	MARK GREENBERG FOR CONGRESS	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WHEAT GROWERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (WHEATPAC)	NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEXTILE ORGANIZATIONS INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY PAC
3068   C00580373	3069   C00493395	3070 C00139964	3071 C00405555	3072 C00592303
88	690	070	170	270

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AF# Committee	1	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Treasurer	Threshold	2	Threshold PV Receipt Date Days Late	Days Late	FOA	RTB Penalty
3073 C00238204	4	PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC		PARVEZ SHAH <b>\$</b> 163,122	\$163,122	0	5/15/2016	30	\$34,931	\$800
3074 C00591628	æ	SIMON WINSTON FOR CONGRESS	SIMON WOOD WINSTON	MAUREEN	\$798,665	0	5/11/2016	26	\$413,168	\$7,200
3075 C00560649	6	TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS	THOMAS G. CARTER	THOMAS	\$137,286	0		Not Filed	\$137,286 (est)	\$4,950
C0057342	82	3076 C00573428 WHITWELL FOR CONGRESS	ROBERT QUENTIN WHITWELL JR.	OFFICE OF TREASURER	\$437,531	1		Not Filed	\$72,922 (est)	\$3,712

## BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	)	
Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2016	<i>)</i>	
April Quarterly Report for the	í	•
Administrative Fine Program:	Ś	
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CROP	)	AF# 3056
INSURERS POLITICAL ACTION	)	
COMMITTEE (AACI PAC), and	)	
MCLEOD, MICHAEL R. as treasurer;	)	
AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and	)	AF# 3057
PETERSON, CARY L as treasurer;	)	
CITIZENS FOR XAVIER SALINAS, and	)	AF# 3058
PEREZ, RAY as treasurer;	)	
CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 3059
CHELSEA BONNECAZE as treasurer;	)	
COLLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN	)	AF# 3060
PARTY, and COCKS, JONATHAN as	)	
treasurer;	)	
CONTINUING AMERICA'S STRENGTH	)	AF# 3061
AND SECURITY PAC, and STEPHENS,	).	
RALPH J. as treasurer;	)	
FOUNDATION FOR A GREATER	)	AF# 3062
AMERICA INC, and HODGINS, JAMES P	)	
MR. as treasurer;	)	
GREAT LAKES SUPER POLITICAL	)	AF# 3063
ACTION COMMITTEE, and DWIGHT	)	
WASHINGTON as treasurer;	)	. 5" 0064
GREG GARRETT FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 3064
LINKER, GARY as treasurer;	)	A E# 2005
INGRID TURNER FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 3065
LATRISE MARIE WORKMAN as	. )	
treasurer;	,	AF# 3066
IRL PAC, and TORGAS, IRL PAC	ļ	Ar# 3000
TREASURER, ED as treasurer;	)	
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MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, and LESLIE CALDWELL as treasurer;	,	WL# 3000
MARK GREENBERG FOR CONGRESS,	,	AF# 3069
and NOWELL, J. KENNETH as treasurer;	) \	AL π JUUJ
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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WHEAT	.)	AF# 3070
GROWERS POLITICAL ACTION	)	
COMMITTEE (WHEATPAC), and	)	
PALMER, JIM as treasurer;	)	
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEXTILE	)	AF# 3071
ORGANIZATIONS INC POLITICAL	)	
ACTION COMMITTEE, and HAYNES,	)	
ROBIN L as treasurer;	)	
OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY	)	AF# 3072
PAC, and ATTEBERRY, GAYLE as	)	
treasurer;	)	
PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC	)	AF# 3073
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC, and	)	
SHAH, PARVEZ DR. as treasurer,	)	
SIMON WINSTON FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 3074
HAFERNIK, MAUREEN as treasurer;	)	
TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS, and	)	AF# 3075
CARTER, THOMAS as treasurer;	)	

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on June 15, 2016 the Commission took the

following actions on the Reason To Believe Recommendation - 2016 April Quarterly

Report for the Administrative Fine Program as recommended in the Reports Analysis

Division's Memorandum dated June 14, 2016, on the following committees:

AF#3056 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (AACI PAC), and MCLEOD, MICHAEL R. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3057 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and PETERSON, CARY L in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3058 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CITIZENS FOR XAVIER SALINAS, and PEREZ, RAY in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3059 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and CHELSEA BONNECAZE in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3060 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that COLLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY, and COCKS, JONATHAN in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3061 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that CONTINUING AMERICA'S STRENGTH AND SECURITY PAC, and STEPHENS, RALPH J. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3062 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that FOUNDATION FOR A GREATER AMERICA INC, and HODGINS, JAMES P MR. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#3063 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GREAT LAKES SUPER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and DWIGHT WASHINGTON in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3064 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that GREG GARRETT FOR CONGRESS, and LINKER, GARY in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3065 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that INGRID TURNER FOR CONGRESS, and LATRISE MARIE WORKMAN in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3066 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that IRL PAC, and TORGAS, IRL PAC TREASURER, ED in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3068 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, and LESLIE CALDWELL in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

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AF#3069 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that MARK GREENBERG FOR CONGRESS, and NOWELL, J. KENNETH in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3070 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WHEAT GROWERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (WHEATPAC), and PALMER, JIM in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3071 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEXTILE ORGANIZATIONS INC POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, and HAYNES, ROBIN L in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3072 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY PAC, and ATTEBERRY, GAYLE in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3073 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC, and SHAH, PARVEZ DR. in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3074 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that SIMON WINSTON FOR CONGRESS, and HAFERNIK, MAUREEN in her official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3075 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) find reason to believe that TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS, and CARTER, THOMAS in his official capacity as treasurer violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and make a preliminary determination that the civil money penalty would be the amount indicated on the report; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission

Ralph J. Stephens, in official capacity as Treasurer Continuing America's Strength and Security PAC P.O. Box 80505
Baton Rouge, LA 70898

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Dear Mr. Stephens:

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"), requires that your committee file an April Quarterly Report of Receipts and Disbursements in a calendar year during which there is a regularly scheduled election. This report, covering the period January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016, shall be filed no later than April 15, 2016. 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). Records at the Federal Election Commission ("FEC") indicate that this report was filed on May 5, 2016, twenty (20) days late.

The Act permits the FEC to impose civil money penalties for violations of the reporting requirements of 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a). 52 U.S.C. § 30109g(a)(4). On June 15, 2016, the FEC found that there is reason to believe ("RTB") that Continuing America's Strength and Security PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) by failing to file timely this report on or before April 15, 2016. Based on the FEC's schedules of civil money penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage is \$3,980. Please see the attached copy of the Commission's administrative fine regulations at 11 CFR §§ 111.30-111.55. Attachment 1. The Commission's website contains further information about how the administrative fine program works and how the fines are calculated. See http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. 11 CFR § 111.34. Your payment of \$3,980 is due within forty (40) days of the finding, or by July 25, 2016, and is based on these factors:

Election Sensitivity of Report: Not Election Sensitive

Level of Activity: \$161,275 Number of Days Late: 20

Number of Previous Civil Money Penalties Assessed: 0

At this juncture, the following courses of action are available to you:

### 1. If You Choose to Challenge the RTB Finding and/or Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to challenge the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, you must submit a written response to the FEC's Office of Administrative Review, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463. Your response must include the AF# (found at the top of page 1

under your committee's identification number) and be received within forty (40) days of the Commission's RTB finding, or July 25, 2016. 11 CFR § 111.35(a). Your written response must include the reason(s) why you are challenging the RTB finding and/or calculated civil money penalty, and must include the factual basis supporting the reason(s) and supporting documentation. The FEC strongly encourages that documents be submitted in the form of affidavits or declarations. 11 CFR § 111.36(c).

The FEC will only consider challenges that are based on at least one of three grounds: (1) a factual error in the RTB finding; (2) miscalculation of the calculated civil money penalty by the FEC; or (3) your demonstrated use of best efforts to file in a timely manner when prevented from doing so by reasonably unforeseen circumstances that were beyond your control. 11 CFR § 111.35(b). In order for a challenge to be considered on the basis of best efforts, you must have filed the required report no later than 24 hours after the end of these reasonably unforeseen circumstances. Id. Examples of circumstances that will be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) a failure of Commission computers or Commission-provided software despite your seeking technical assistance from Commission personnel and resources; (2) a widespread disruption of information transmissions over the Internet that is not caused by a failure of the Commission's or your computer systems or Internet service provider; and (3) severe weather or other disaster-related incident. 11 CFR § 111.35(c). Examples of circumstances that will not be considered reasonably unforeseen and beyond your control include, but are not limited to: (1) negligence; (2) delays caused by vendors or contractors; (3) treasurer and staff illness, inexperience or unavailability; (4) committee computer, software, or Internet service provider failures; (5) failure to know filing dates; and (6) failure to use filing software properly. 11 CFR § 111.35(d).

The "failure to raise an argument in a timely fashion during the administrative process shall be deemed a waiver" of your right to present such argument in a petition to the U.S. District Court under 52 U.S.C. § 30109. 11 CFR § 111.38.

If you intend to be represented by counsel, please advise the Office of Administrative Review. You should provide, in writing, the name, address and telephone number of your counsel and authorize counsel to receive notifications and communications relating to this challenge and imposition of the calculated civil money penalty.

### 2. If You Choose Not to Pay the Civil Money Penalty and Not to Submit a Challenge

If you do not pay the calculated civil money penalty and do not submit a written response, the FEC will assume that the preceding factual allegations are true and make a final determination that Continuing America's Strength and Security PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess a civil money penalty.

Unpaid civil money penalties assessed through the Administrative Fine regulations will be subject to the Debt Collection Act of 1982 ("DCA"), as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, 31 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq. The FEC may take any and all appropriate action authorized and required by the DCA, as amended, including transfer to the U.S. Department of the Treasury for collection. 11 CFR § 111.51(a)(2).

### 3. If You Choose to Pay the Civil Money Penalty

If you should decide to pay the calculated civil money penalty, follow the payment instructions on page 4 of this letter. Upon receipt of your payment, the FEC will send you a final determination letter.

### NOTICE REGARDING PARTIAL PAYMENTS AND SETTLEMENT OFFERS

### 4. Partial Payments

If you make a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty, the amount of your partial payment will be credited towards the full civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination.

### 5. Settlement Offers

Any offer to settle or compromise a debt owed to the Commission, including a payment in an amount less than the calculated civil money penalty assessed or any restrictive endorsements contained on your check or money order or proposed in correspondence transmitted with your check or money order, will be rejected. Acceptance and deposit or cashing of such a restricted payment does not constitute acceptance of the settlement offer. Payments containing restrictive endorsements will be deposited and treated as a partial payment towards the civil money penalty that the Commission assesses upon making a final determination. All unpaid civil money penalty amounts remaining will be subject to the debt collection procedures set forth in Section 2, above.

This matter was generated based on information ascertained by the FEC in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(2). Unless you notify the FEC in writing that you wish the matter to be made public, it will remain confidential in accordance with 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(4)(B) and 30109(a)(12)(A) until it is placed on the public record at the conclusion of this matter in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.42.

As noted earlier, you may obtain additional information on the FEC's administrative fine program, including the final regulations, on the FEC's website at http://www.fec.gov/af/af.shtml. If you have questions regarding the payment of the calculated civil money penalty, please contact Ben Holly in the Reports Analysis Division at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130. If you have questions regarding the submission of a challenge, please contact the Office of Administrative Review at our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (press 0, then ext. 1660) or (202) 694-1660.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

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In accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43, the amount of your civil money penalty calculated at RTB is \$3,980 for the 2016 April Quarterly Report.

You may remit payment by ACH withdrawal from your bank account, or by debit or credit card through Pay.gov, the federal government's secure portal for online collections. Visit www.fec.gov/af/pay.shtml to be directed to Pay.gov's Administrative Fine Program Payment form.

This penalty may also be paid by check or money order, made payable to the Federal Election Commission. It should be sent by mail to:

Federal Election Commission P.O. Box 979058 St. Louis, MO 63197-9000

If you choose to send your payment by courier or overnight delivery, please send to:

U.S. Bank - Government Lockbox
FEC #979058
1005 Convention Plaza
Attn: Government Lockbox, SL-MO-C2GL
St. Louis, MO 63101

### PAYMENTS BY PERSONAL CHECK

Personal checks will be converted into electronic funds transfers (EFTS). Your account will be electronically debited for the amount on your check, usually within 24 hours, and the debit will appear on your regular statement. We will destroy your original check and keep a copy of it. In case the EFT cannot be processed for technical reasons, you authorize us to process the copy in lieu of the original check. Should the EFT not be completed because of insufficient funds, we may try to make the transfer twice.

### PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT

FOR: Continuing America's Strength and Security PAC

FEC ID#: C00480228

AF#: 3061

PAYMENT DUE DATE: July 25, 2016

PAYMENT AMOUNT DUE: \$3,980



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 7, 2016

SENSITIVE

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

The Commission

THROUGH:

Alec Palmer

Staff Director

FROM:

Patricia C. Orrock MPCO

Chief Compliance Officer

Debbie Chacona AC
Assistant Staff Director
Reports Analysis Division

BY:

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Reports Analysis Division

Compliance Branch

SUBJECT:

Withdrawal and Resubmission of Final Determination Recommendation

2016 April Quarterly Report for the Administrative Fine Program

We are withdrawing the document circulated to the Commission on November 1, 2016 in order to correct errors in the final money penalty and amount paid columns of the circulation chart for AF 3058 and AF 3068. The correct amounts were previously referenced in the cover memo.

Attached are two lists of political committees and their treasurers against which the Commission has found reason to believe (RTB) and assessed proposed civil money penalties calculated at RTB for failure to file or failure to timely file the 2016 April Quarterly Report. The first list represents the committees that have paid the civil money penalty and the second list represents the committees that have not paid the civil money penalty. The committees that have not paid have been given at least forty (40) days from the date of the Commission's RTB finding to remit payment.

In accordance with 11 CFR § 111.34 and 11 CFR § 111.40, the Commission shall send a final determination notice to those respondents that have either paid or not paid the civil money penalty.

For your information, five (5) committees disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty. An overview of these cases has been provided below.

Citizens for Xavier Salinas (AF 3058) filed the 2016 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$35,363 (previously estimated to be \$63,975), thus the fine would be lowered from \$2,970 to \$1,090. The committee paid the civil money penalty assessed at RTB; we will therefore issue a refund for the difference (\$1,880).

Great Lakes Super Political Action Committee (AF 3063) filed the 2016 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed no activity (previously estimated to be \$78,750), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$3,850).

Make America Great Again (AF 3068) filed the 2016 April Quarterly Report after the RTB finding and disclosed an actual level of activity which would result in a lowered civil money penalty than that assessed at RTB. The committee disclosed total receipts and disbursements of \$3,526 (previously estimated to be \$3,327,653), thus the fine would be lowered from \$13,200 to \$275. The committee paid the civil money penalty assessed at RTB; we will therefore issue a refund for the difference (\$12,925).

Tom Carter for Congress (AF 3075) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$137,286), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$4,950).

Whitwell for Congress (AF 3076) disclosed no activity after the RTB finding (previously estimated to be \$72,922), which would result in no civil money penalty (fine previously assessed to be \$3,712).

In addition, Collin County Republican Party (AF 3060) made only a partial payment of the civil money penalty assessed at the RTB stage. As such, the civil money penalty is listed as not paid.

- Pakistani American Public Affairs Committee PAK-PAC (AF 3073) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating Jalil Khan as Treasurer (see first list).
- Collin County Republican Party (AF 3060) filed an Amended Statement of Organization after the RTB finding designating Mark Reid as Treasurer (see second list).

### **RAD Recommendation**

- (1) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalties so indicated.
- (2) Make a final determination that the political committees and their treasurers, in their official capacity, listed on the attached reports with no activity, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) and will not be assessed a civil money penalty.
- (3) Send the appropriate letters.

Federal Election Commission
FD Circulation Report Fine Paid
2016 APRIL QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 04/15/2016 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH

AF#	Committee Name	Candidate Name	Committee	Treasurer	Receipt Date	Days Late	LOA	2	RTB Date	RTB Penalty Final Money Penalty	Final Money Penalty	Date Paid	Amount Paid
3056	AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (AACI PAC)		C00172833	MICHAEL R. MCLEOD	4/21/2016	89	\$44,519	0	6/15/2016	\$320	\$320	6/27/2016	\$320
3058	CITIZENS FOR XAVIER SALINAS	XAVIER SALINAS	C00579664	RAY PEREZ	7/15/2016	Not Filed	\$35,363	0	6/15/2016	\$2,970	\$1,090	6/28/2016	\$2,970*
3061	CONTINUING AMERICA'S STRENGTH AND SECURITY PAC		C00480228	RALPH J. STEPHENS	5/5/2016	20	\$161,275	0	6/15/2016	\$3,980	\$3,980	7/26/2016	\$3,980
3064	GREG GARRETT FOR CONGRESS	GREGORY KEITH GARRETT	C00589846	GARY LINKER	4/25/2016	10	\$30,808	0.	6/15/2016	\$400	\$400	7/6/2016	\$400
3066	IRL PAC		C00402982	ED TORGAS	5/4/2016	. 61	\$66,334	0	6/15/2016	\$2,087	\$2.087	7/26/2016	\$2,087
3088	MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN		C00580373	LESUE CALDWELL	7/6/2016	Not Filed	\$3,528	0	6/15/2016	\$13,200	\$275	7/22/2018	\$13,200*
3069	MARK GREENBERG FOR CONGRESS	MARK GREENBERG	C00493395	J. KENNETH NOWELL	4/22/2016	7	\$28,585	0	6/15/2016	\$340	\$340	7/18/2016	\$340
3072	OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY PAC		C00592303	GAYLE ATTEBERRY	5/5/2016	20	\$94,126	0	6/15/2016	\$2,640	\$2,640	7/6/2016	\$2,640
3073	PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC		C00238204	JALIL A. KHAN	5/15/2018	30	\$35,092	0	6/15/2018	\$800	\$800	7/6/2016	\$800

<sup>•</sup> This committee disclosed a level of activity after the RTB finding which would result in a lowered civil money penalty and will be assessed a civil money penalty at Final Determination (FD) that has been reduced since the RTB finding. This committee paid the civil money penalty assessed at RTB; therefore, we will issue a refund for the difference.

# Federal Election Commission FD Circulation Report Fine Not Paid 2016 APRIL QUARTERLY Not Election Sensitive 04/15/2016 H\_S\_P\_UNAUTH

FD Penalty	\$7,150	\$8,662	\$2,630	NONE	\$4,950	NONE	NONE
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Days Since RTB	. 145	145	145	145	145	145	145
RTB Date RTB Penalty Days Since	\$7,150	\$8,662	\$2,630	\$3,850	. \$4,950	\$4,950	\$3,712
RTB Date	6/15/2016	6/15/2016	6/15/2016	6/15/2016	6/15/2016	6/15/2016	6/15/2016
<b>≥</b>	0	3	0	0	0	0	-
LOA	\$233,949 (est)	\$120,518 (est)	\$178,680	\$0	\$121,408	\$0	\$0
Days Late	Not Filed	Not Filed	11	Not Filed	Not Filed	Not Filed	Not Filed
Receipt Date Days Late	· · · · ·		4/26/2016	7/11/2016	6/7/2016		
Treasurer	CARY L. PETERSON	CHELSEA BONNECAZE	MARK REID	DWIGHT WASHINGTON	LATRISE MARIE WORKMAN	THOMAS CARTER	OFFICE OF TREASURER
Committee ID	C00572537	C00554253	C00580563	C00524363	C00578518	C00560649	C00573428
Candidate Name		DANIEL A CLAITOR			INGRID TURNER	THOMAS G. CARTER	ROBERT QUENTIN
Committee Name	AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED	CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS	COLLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	GREAT LAKES SUPER POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	INGRID TURNER FOR CONGRESS	TOM CARTER FOR CONGRESS	3076 WHITWELL FOR CONGRESS
AF#	3057	3059	3060	3063	3065	3075	3076

In the Matter of	)
Administrative Fine Program – Final	)
Determination Recommendation for the	<b>)</b> .
2016 April Quarterly Report:	5
COLLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN	) AF# 3060
PARTY, and REID, MARK MR. as	j
treasurer;	j
INGRID TURNER FOR CONGRESS, and	) AF# 3065
LATRISE MARIE WORKMAN as	<b>)</b>
treasurer;	<b>)</b> .
CITIZENS FOR XAVIER SALINAS, and	) AF# 3058
PEREZ, RAY as treasurer;	)
PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC	) AF# 3073
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC, and	).
KHAN, JALIL A DR. as treasurer;	.)
AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and	) AF# 3057
PETERSON, CARY L as treasurer;	<b>)</b>
CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and	). AF# 3059
CHELSEA BONNECAZE as treasurer;	.)
GREG GARRETT FOR CONGRESS, and	) AF# 3064
LINKER, GARY as treasurer;	<b>)</b> .
OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY	) AF# 3072
PAC, and ATTEBERRY, GAYLE as	).
treasurer;	<b>)</b>
CONTINUING AMERICA'S STRENGTH	). AF# 3061
AND SECURITY PAC, and STEPHENS,	).
RALPH J. as treasurer;	).
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, and	) AF# 3068
LESLIE CALDWELL as treasurer;	)
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CROP	) AF# 3056
INSURERS POLITICAL ACTION	)
COMMITTEE (AACI PAC), and	)-
MCLEOD, MICHAEL R. as treasurer;	).
MARK GREENBERG FOR CONGRESS,	) AF# 3069
and NOWELL, J. KENNETH as treasurer;	):

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Shawn Woodhead Werth, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election

Commission, do hereby certify that on November 09, 2016 the Commission took the

following actions on the Administrative Fine Program – Final Determination

Recommendation for the 2016 April Quarterly Report as recommended in the Reports

Analysis Division's Memorandum dated November 07, 2016, on the following

committees:

AF#3060 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that COLLIN COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY, and REID, MARK MR. in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3065 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that INGRID TURNER FOR CONGRESS, and LATRISE MARIE WORKMAN in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3058 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that CITIZENS FOR XAVIER SALINAS, and PEREZ, RAY in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3073 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that PAKISTANI AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PAK-PAC, and KHAN, JALIL A DR. in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3057 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICANS SOCIALLY UNITED, and PETERSON, CARY L in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so

indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3059 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that CLAITOR FOR CONGRESS, and CHELSEA BONNECAZE in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3064 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that GREG GARRETT FOR CONGRESS, and LINKER, GARY in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3072 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that OREGON RIGHT TO LIFE VICTORY PAC, and ATTEBERRY, GAYLE in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3061 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that CONTINUING AMERICA'S STRENGTH AND SECURITY PAC, and STEPHENS, RALPH J.in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3068 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN, and LESLIE CALDWELL in her official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3056 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CROP INSURERS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (AACI PAC), and MCLEOD, MICHAEL R. in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

AF#3069 Decided by a vote of 6-0 to: (1) make a final determination that MARK GREENBERG FOR CONGRESS, and NOWELL, J. KENNETH in his official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. 30104(a) and assess the final civil money penalty so

indicated; (2) send the appropriate letter. Commissioners Goodman, Hunter, Petersen, Ravel, Walther, and Weintraub voted affirmatively for the decision.

Attest:

Shawn Woodhead Werth

Secretary and Clerk of the Commission



# FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

November 9, 2016

Ralph J. Stephens, in official capacity as Treasurer Continuing America's Strength and Security PAC P.O. Box 80505 Baton Rouge, LA 70898

C00480228 AF#: 3061

Dear Mr. Stephens:

On June 15, 2016, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe ("RTB") that Continuing America's Strength and Security PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a) for filing late or failing to file the 2016 April Quarterly Report. By letter dated June 17, 2016, the Commission notified you of the RTB finding and the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage totaling \$3,980 in accordance with the schedule of penalties at 11 CFR § 111.43.

On July 26, 2016, the FEC received payment of the civil money penalty calculated at the RTB stage. The FEC made a final determination on November 9, 2016 that Continuing America's Strength and Security PAC and you, in your official capacity as treasurer, violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(a), assessed a civil money penalty in the amount of \$3,980 in accordance with 11 CFR § 111.43, and voted to close the file.

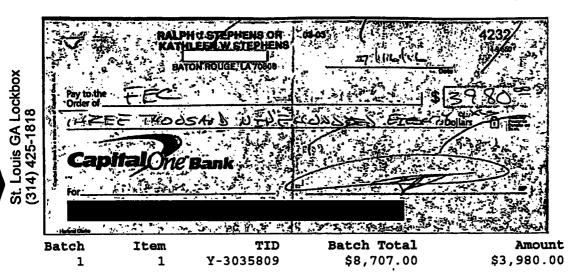
The confidentiality provisions at 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. Pursuant to 11 CFR §§ 111.42(b) and 111.20(c), the file will be placed on the public record within thirty (30) days from the date of this notification.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ben Holly on our toll free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5) or (202) 694-1130.

On behalf of the Commission,

Matthew S. Petersen

Chair



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THIS IS THE <u>END</u> OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINE CASE # <u>3061</u>